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DSP Launch Decision Meeting - Space Division (U)

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1. On 12 Dec 60, a meeting was held by Col Barry, Program Manager, Defense Support Program, to determine if the launch preparations for Flight 9 were to be continued.

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3. SAC and ADCOM representatives restated the performance data that justified the replacement of Flight 6 and the urgency of need. Based on the data presented, the modification schedule to achieve a new launch ready condition and the need for a replacement asset, Col Barry decided in favor of launching Flight 9 on schedule.

4. Col Barry further directed that performance improvements be made for all remaining satellites and in the design of the new star sensor for Satellite 14. He also directed immediate efforts to upgrade and improve the accuracy of the back-up attitude software which uses the sun sensors as a reference. The outcome of the meeting was extremely favorable from the ADCOM point of view.

5. Col Barry had held up the shipment of launch support aerospace ground equipment (AGEs) until the star sensor review had been completed. This will result in some launch delay for Flight 9 from the 10 Feb 61 scheduled date. The revised date is now 19-25 Feb 61.

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